



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.3
Soil moisture supplies: 34% very short, 34% short, 31% adequate, and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report
Hot and humid conditions persisted across Louisiana with scattered showers in many areas of the state. Rice harvest progress exceeded last year and the five-year average. Rice producers fertilized and flooded the ratoon crop fields. Corn and sorghum harvest continued to make good progress, surpassing their five-year averages. Soybean harvest remained ahead of the five-year average. Soybean producers in some areas of the state reported loopers and brown stinkbugs and treated fields accordingly. Sugarcane producers continued to plant fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Vegetable producers planted fall crops. Citrus producers continued to scout for insects. Fruit began to drop early from citrus trees due to the extreme heat. Sweet potato harvest was slightly behind the five-year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattleman continued to cut hay and treated armyworm infestations in pastures and hayfields.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	95	88	92	77
Cotton	Bolls Opening	70	62	74	61
Hay	Second Cutting	94	86	95	89
Rice	Headed	100	99	100	100
	Ripe	91	82	87	89
	Harvested	70	56	63	63
Sorghum	Mature	98	96	99	94
	Harvesting	89	82	84	71
Soybeans	Setting Pods	99	98	99	99
	Turning Color	59	47	66	62
	Dropping Leaves	37	26	47	43
	Harvested	21	13	24	15
Sugarcane	Planted	51	28	42	39
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	4	N/A	3	6

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	4	25	36	28	7
Soybeans	8	15	35	36	6
Rice	2	3	22	43	30
Sugarcane	9	13	29	39	10
Livestock	5	16	37	39	3
Vegetables	17	22	35	25	1
Sweet Potatoes	6	3	22	69	0
Pasture	19	26	37	16	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/22/11 TO 08/28/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	81	0.26	0.26	17.19	34.40
Minden	103	69	87	81	0.86	0.96	20.96	36.80
Mooringsport	(108)	71	90	MM	0.04	0.11	19.32	30.48
Shreveport South	105	71	89	MM	0.04	0.04	17.10	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	108	69	88	81	0.45	0.11	MM.MM	35.06
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	81	0.25	0.75	26.91	37.54
Homer/Hill Farm	101	(63)	84	80	0.71	1.37	21.79	36.91
Bienville 3 NE	101	65	85	80	0.65	0.89	25.86	40.72
Farmerville	99	67	85	MM	0.06	1.10	23.56	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	101	63	84	81	0.68	1.13		38.16
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	97	68	83	81	0.91	2.69	29.93	40.25
LSU-St Joseph	100	72	86	81	0.25	1.34	32.19	38.96
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	81	0.11	0.62	32.10	38.48
Tallulah	99	64	85	80	0.00	0.59	30.47	40.14
Extreme/Average	100	64	84	81	0.46	1.64	29.93	39.37
4. West-Central								
Leesville	103	65	86	80	0.39	0.45	18.87	38.03
Ashland	102	65	85	80	0.98	1.03	21.10	37.02
Hodges Gardens	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	0.27	18.65	37.88
Extreme/Average	103	65	86	81	0.69	0.74	18.87	37.42
5. Central								
Alexandria	103	71	87	82	0.83	0.83	21.62	40.05
Jonesville Locks	MM	MM	MM	81	0.00	0.00	23.70	39.41
Eunice	101	71	87	83	0.05	0.40	21.30	39.73
Bunkie	101	69	86	81	0.28	1.04	21.69	41.17
Extreme/Average	103	69	87	81	0.39	0.76	21.54	40.41
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.21	2.33	32.50	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.26	4.37	37.20	45.61
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	81	0.00	1.03	27.68	45.14
Slidell	97	71	84	81	0.03	4.98	32.70	44.01
Extreme/Average	97	71	84	81	0.03	4.98	32.70	44.96
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	102	71	87	81	0.67	1.37	20.96	40.23
Jennings	100	73	87	81	0.17	1.22	25.22	39.52
LSU-Crowley	97	74	86	82	0.70	1.85	29.26	40.56
Oberlin Fire Tow	100	69	86	82	0.70	0.85	21.34	44.06
Extreme/Average	102	69	87	82	0.51	1.15	23.28	40.65
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	96	70	84	82	1.37	2.69	26.43	42.39
LSU-Jeanerette	95	74	85	81	0.00	3.61	25.16	42.77
Morgan City	97	75	85	81	0.73	2.94	27.13	44.59
Lafayette	99	71	87	81	0.54	6.00	39.61	40.86
Extreme/Average	99	70	85	82	0.88	3.88	31.06	43.29
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	96	79	87	MM	0.00	3.07	22.87	38.95
Galliano	96	74	86	82	0.00	1.76	32.49	46.10
NO Audubon Park	100	80	89	83	0.00	1.12	21.55	44.48
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.15	4.63	33.67	45.31
Extreme/Average	100	74	87	82	0.00	3.07	MM.MM	44.57

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through August 28, 2011

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